

## **WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S SOCCER STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT**

***Failure to follow and honor any of our team policies and guidelines could result in a variety of disciplinary actions which may include immediate removal from the men's soccer program. Playing for WHS men's soccer is not a right. It's a privilege that is earned through responsible attitude and actions on and off the field at all times.***

### **PRACTICE POLICY:**

- ***Hard work, focus and discipline are expected at all practices (the way you practice is the way you will play). Be on time (being on time is late; being early is on time). Wear the appropriate uniform (items and colors) and gear. No jewelry of any kind is allowed.***  
No profanity and dirty play will be tolerated at any time.
- You must discuss with the coach the possibility of missing practice in advance. Regardless of the reason, missing team practice(s) will either hinder your chances of making the team, or will cut into your normal playing time. If you miss two consecutive days of practices during the course of the season, you will NOT dress for the next game.

**INJURY POLICY:** It's the player's responsibility to notify the head soccer coach of any injuries immediately. Typical (non-emergency) injuries will be seen and treated by our part-time campus athletic trainer. If necessary, our athletic trainer will recommend for the athlete to see a medical doctor for his injury. Injured players are expected to follow their scheduled athletic treatment on a daily basis. Limited practice options might be available for such cases. Injured/inactive soccer players are required to observe practice from the sideline.

**LOCKER ROOM/FIELD HOUSE POLICY:** Do not wear your soccer cleats in the field house. Do not clean your soccer cleats in the shower or in any sinks. Do not hit your soccer cleats on any walls inside or outside the field house. Do not clean your soccer cleats over any concrete area around the field house. Always pick up after yourself in the locker room/field house. No horseplay of any form at any time. Keep the voice level down. Secure and place all of your personal belongings in your locker at all times (don't forget to close your lock). WHS and the men's soccer program and its coaches **WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISSING ITEMS.** Do not bring any large amount of cash with you or expensive jewelry in the locker room.

**CLASSROOM POLICY:** You are expected to be on time and follow every teacher's classroom rules, instructions and expectations. You are expected to be polite regardless of the situation. Good classroom **conduct** is a requirement for all soccer players. You must schedule and attend **tutorials** when your grade is below 75. Make sure you do not have any **missing assignments** and that you **re-take** any tests with low grades. Let the soccer coach know in advance if you are experiencing any academic difficulties.

**OFF THE FIELD POLICY:** Do not hang out with the wrong people. Do not find yourself in the wrong place at the wrong time. The use of alcohol, tobacco or any illegal substance is strictly prohibited. Any participation in any criminal activity or gang activity or association of any kind is strictly prohibited. Use common sense and ALWAYS take the responsible action (you have a lot more to lose than the average "Joe").

**CLUB SOCCER POLICY:** Participation in club soccer is strongly recommended. However, high school practices and games take priority over any kind of club soccer activity during the course of our UIL soccer season (1<sup>st</sup> day of after school practice until our final game of the season). Certain individual cases may be excused only by the head soccer coach.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES POLICY:** Soccer student-athletes are expected to fully participate in all team activities throughout the school year that are scheduled to promote our soccer program, raise money, provide service for our community, promote and recognize our own soccer student-athletes (YOU), etc.

**DEADLINES POLICY:** Soccer student-athletes are expected to be prompt with all deadlines set by the head soccer coach. Deadlines are not optional, nor flexible.

**INSTRUCTIONS POLICY:** Soccer student-athletes are fully responsible for following all instructions given by WHS men's soccer coaches at all times in relation to any soccer-related business or activities.

**REFUND AND DISMISSAL POLICY:** There will be **no refunds** given for any money paid (Ex: Athletic insurance, class fee, etc) for any reason, including but not limited to: quitting the team, transferring to another school, getting dismissed from the team and/or program due to violation of soccer student-athlete contract. In this case, re-entry to the program will be decided by the head soccer coach and will be based on the student's progress toward the problem(s) that led to his original dismissal from the soccer program.

**LETTER JACKET & AWARDS POLICY:**

- Soccer student-athletes must play in a minimum of one varsity game in order to be eligible to receive a letter jacket. Soccer student-athletes must be in “good standing” status in the men’s soccer program at the time the order for the letter jackets is been placed by the head coach in order to receive one. If for any reason the soccer student-athlete is not in “good standing” status with the men’s soccer program (Ex: missing uniform items), the athlete will NOT receive a letter Jacket.
- Soccer student-athletes must be in “good standing” status in the men’s soccer program at the time of our team’s end of the season official banquet invitations (hard copy of invitation is given to each qualified soccer-student athlete) in order to: 1) Receive invitation to the team’s banquet and be eligible to receive team awards and 2) Receive a nomination for the All-District / All-Region / All-State Team Selections. That also includes senior nominations for the annual Senior Showcase Game.

**IN-SEASON ELIGIBILITY POLICY:** Any soccer student-athletes who become ineligible according to UIL guidelines during the course of our UIL season will be dismissed from the team immediately.

**UNIFORM POLICY:** All uniforms are school’s property and will be checked out with the signatures of both student and parents/guardians. Any missing or damaged uniform items will have to be paid in full at the time of its return date. Uniform items must **not** be worn at practice sessions. Soccer student-athletes are prohibited to let others wear/borrow uniform items at any time for any reason.

**GAME TRAVELING POLICY:** All soccer players will ride the bus to the game. Appropriate bus conduct is expected at all times (coach will go over bus rules). Any soccer players who might be serving game suspension will not travel with the team. A “post-game release” form must be fully completed and turned in to the coach prior to the team’s departure if a parent/guardian prefers to take his/her son home directly after the game. Players will only be released to their parents/guardians (Not uncles, not aunts, not cousins, not grandparents, not family friend, etc).

**15-MINUTE RULE:** Soccer players must leave campus/picked up from campus 15 minutes after practice ends or upon arrival from the games. Parents please communicate in advance with the head soccer coach if this is going to be a problem.

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE AND GAME DAY PLAN:** The weekly practice schedule will be posted outside the soccer office the Friday before each new week starts. The game day plan will also be posted outside the soccer office at least 24 hours in advance prior to each game. Soccer student-athletes are responsible for communicating this information with their parents/guardians.

***\*The WHS soccer coaching staff will not discuss any issues concerning game strategy/style of play with any parents/guardians. In addition, the WHS soccer coaching staff will not discuss any playing-time issues with any parents/guardians. Coach Brown and his coaching staff are always available to talk with every player regarding any concerns they may have about their playing-time and overall performance.***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT**

Our signature below indicates our complete understanding of the policies set forth by WHS men’s soccer.

Student-Athletes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_